

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, June 17, 1999
Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center
Columbia, South Carolina

Members Present: Mrs. Berry; Senator Bryan; Dr. Gummerson; Representative Harrell; Mr. Martin; Senator Matthews; Mr. McTeer; Senator Setzler; Mr. Staton; Mrs. Thompson.

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Mrs. Berry welcomed members to the meeting and acknowledged the day's activities which included the Parent Involvement Task Force luncheon and work with Dr. Joyce Epstein.
- II. **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of the May 20 meeting were approved as distributed.
- III. **Subcommittee Reports:**
 - A. **Academic Standards and Assessments Subcommittee:** The Subcommittee did not have a report;
 - B. **EIA and Improvement Mechanisms Subcommittee:** Mr. Staton reported on behalf other Subcommittee. Having reviewed the criteria for the Principal Specialist program, the Subcommittee recommended approval. The Committee concurred. Mrs. Thompson raised questions about the extent to which teacher and principal specialists could receive retirement benefits for participating in the program. Dr. Bedenbaugh confirmed that the 45-day limit had been removed through the FY2000 Appropriations bill;
 - C. **Parent Involvement Subcommittee:** Mrs. Thompson reported on behalf o the Subcommittee. She highlighted the work of the Task Force, the meetings with Dr. Epstein, and outlined the activities for the development of recommendations;
 - D. **Public Awareness:** Mr. Martin reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. He discussed the "Framework" and indicated the Subcommittee is to meet with Chernoff-Silver on June 21;
 - E. **Staff and Administration:** On behalf of Mr. Barnet, Dr. Anderson presented the Administrative Manual for approval. The Committee concurred. Dr. Anderson presented the Executive Director's report that included a presentation on the school ratings models by Dr. Siskind.
- IV. **Remarks from a Key Constituency:** Dr. Janice Poda introduced three outstanding teachers (Mary Lostetter, Kathy Schwalbe, and Tomiko Smalls) who presented the attached recommendations from the Teacher Forum. Committee members expressed support for extensive and immediate professional development for teachers to work with the standards so that they understand the content, pacing, assessments and see exemplary lessons to assist in the teaching of the standards.
- V. **Other Business:** Dr. Anderson indicated that materials for the Retreat, including directions, would be mailed on July 2.
- VI. **Adjournment:** Mrs. Berry thanked members for a good day and adjourned the meeting.

Attachment

Teacher Forum Recommendations